

Presiding: Mary White
Music Minister: Jennifer Turner

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Welcoming Music

### GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song: ~ Sarah Dan Jones ~

♪ **Breathe in, breathe out.**

♪ **When I breathe in, I breathe in Peace.  
When I breathe out, I breathe out love.**

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

**We gather on land that sustained bodies, hopes, and dreams long before the Kosapsum and Songees encountered others from far away. And so we recommit to a journey toward reconciliation, one that is not easy.**

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

**O God,  
In our hearts we know all things dance in a circle,  
that everything on Earth belongs.  
Our bodies know this too, yet our minds keep us apart.  
From long ago, inside ourselves we recall the stillness of stone and rhythm of water,  
script of skies and song of birds.  
Deep within this ancient longing, our souls call us home.  
Help us to go out and fully inhabit Nature's presence  
so we may wake again within your Divine embrace. AMEN**

Hymn VU 229 God of the Sparrow

### SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Passing the Peace of Christ

Opening to the Word

~ VU 411 ~

♪ **O God we call, O God we call,  
From deep inside we yearn,  
From deep inside we yearn for you.**

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12 12-20

Read by: Sarah Hovey

Reflection: Deborah Davis

*Nan Shepherd – Seeking Relationship with Earth*

Hymn This is God's Wondrous World

~ VU 296 ~

Maltbie D. Babcock (V. 1,2), & Jennifer Turner (V. 3)

♪ **This is God's wondrous world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

♪ **This is God's wondrous world:  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.**

♪ **This is God's wondrous world: a gift of love divine;  
the ocean waves, the sun's bright rays,  
all living things entwined.**  
**This is God's wondrous world: let nature be our guide;  
where breezes blow and rivers flow,  
we feel God's peace inside.**

### RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

Lord's prayer sung responsively

~ Jim Strathdee ~

Offering

Offertory Response

~ Bret Hesla ~

♪ **Praise to God, who has spun the threads of being,  
And turns the universe before my eyes.  
Who has woven this tangled web of beauty  
That binds me to the earth and sky.**

Announcements: Work of the People

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky

Commissioning and Blessing

Response:

~ Joyce Rupp/Linnea Good ~

♪ **In God we live and move,  
In God we have our being,  
In God we shall remain,  
In God is our abiding.**

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*Following in the way of Jesus  
on the journey inward  
and the journey outward*

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### Summer Light 3: Seeking Relationship with Earth



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